

I am a ham radio operator first licensed in 1962. I now hold the extra class level, having passed 20 wpm Morse and technical testing elements. I am opposed to the adaptation of RM-17087. I feel that the current level of testing for Morse is adequate to demonstrate a minimum proficiency in knowledge of this mode. There exists no stress level for either the individual testing, or the VE giving the test. Morse utilization is the second most used mode on the amateur bands today, and there is no other way to assure minimum proficiency. There are no facts to back up the claims in this proposal, but rather it is filled with vague statements that bear no proof or substance.